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MIDLAND BANK ROBBER PLEADS GUILTY

(MIDLAND, TEXAS) A Midland man faces up to 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty this afternoon to robbing the Bank of America in downtown Midland on February 20, 2002.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge L. Stuart Platt, 39-year-old **CHARLES BOYE** pled guilty to one count of Bank robbery. Boye was arrested on February 20, 2002, less than two blocks from the financial institution. According to the complaint filed subsequent to Boye's arrest, a teller from the bank had identified Boye as the man who handed her a note stating, "Give me all your money or I will kill you and your family." After the teller gave Boye \$2,100, he departed the bank on foot and tried to hail a police car mistakenly thinking it was a taxi. Upon realizing his error, Boye quickly walked away from the scene but was captured and arrested by Midland Police soon thereafter. Unarmed, he was found to be in possession of the stolen money.

Boye remains in federal custody pending sentencing which is scheduled for 1:15pm on September 5, 2002.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the Midland Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Parras is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.